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Countdown to Olympics, ticket sales

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RELEASE Today marks 100 days to the Winter Olympics in Vancouver and the final phase of ticket sales is still to come.

More than 100,000 tickets will go on sale this Saturday during the third round of sales. They will be for sports in Vancouver, like curling and hockey, and include seats at gold-medal events.

Tickets to alpine and Nordic events in Whistler are no longer available, due to transportation challenges.

Tickets are also being sold for nightly victory ceremonies at B.C. Place, with more details on who will be performing at those events expected to be released later this week.

Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis through the Olympic committee's website.

Organizers are also putting the final touches on their ticket resale website, which they expect to launch later this year to help people sell tickets they can't use.

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Comedian Stephen Colbert has announced that he is considering bringing his show to Vancouver for the 2010 Olympics. The Colbert Report is sponsoring the U.S. speedskating team after its largest cash sponsor declared bankruptcy. Story, page 3.

Bike lane's killed shop, says owner

City hears traffic redirection has hurt Hornby businesses

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A bike-lane trial on the Burrard Street Bridge that aims to prevent injuries to cyclists has resulted in a casualty of a different sort — a 50-year-old Vancouver business.

Ron Appleton, owner of Hornby Street's Appleton Galleries, said yesterday that his sales dropped 75 per cent in September, throwing his retirement plans into chaos.

The reason for the drop, Appleton said, is because vehicles can no longer turn right from Pacific Avenue onto Hornby — a restriction that is intended to stop vehicles from turning in front of cyclists.

"I'm sorry," said Appleton, after he was cutoff following an impassioned five-minute address to council yesterday morning. "My life and business are at stake here. So I'm sorry."

The turning restriction, he said, has dried up vehicle traffic in front of his Inuit and First Nations art store and is affecting a number of businesses, including the A Kettle of Fish restaurant and Art Knapp Urban Garden.

Assistant city engineer Jerry Dobrovolny said traffic along Hornby has dropped to 3,500 vehicles from about 8,000 before the trial.

Mayor Gregor Robertson called Appleton's loss of business an "unintended consequence" of the bridge lane trial, which council voted yesterday to continue through the Olympics.

"This has devastated my retirement plans," Appleton said. "I can't show (a buyer) that we're making money, because we're not making money."

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The three-and-a-half month trial increased cyclist traffic by about 70,000 new trips this summer.

A report to council yesterday showed there was about 45 per cent support to continue it.

Council also abandoned future plans to widen the bridge, which should save the city around $30 million.

About a dozen people, including Appleton, spoke at the council meeting yesterday morning. Avid cyclists complimented council on the trial, but pressed for a trial that would remove two vehicle lanes. Others spoke about the increase in traffic in residential areas near the bridge.

Following the Games, the city will look at long-term options for the bridge. The aging span needs extensive repairs to the sidewalks and guardrails that are expected to cost in the order of $30 to $35 million.

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VANOC behind legislation: Union

The union representing British Columbia's striking paramedics says the provincial government is forcing staff back to work because it was pressured by VANOC.

On Monday, Health Services Minister Kevin Falcon introduced legislation in the House to force paramedics to end seven months of strike.

Falcon said the move was meant to relieve tired ambulance service managers and to address the H1N1 pandemic.

But CUPE B.C. president Barry O'Neill said the union has a memo sent from Mike Wilkinson, VANOC's director of medical services, to Ambulance Service CEO Lee Doney in September.

According to O'Neill, the memo stated that VANOC Medical Services required "definitive confirmation" by Oct. 1 that all required ambulance services would be provided as planned during the 2010 Games.

O'Neill said the memo went on to state that if service couldn't be guaranteed through settlement or legislation forcing an end to the strike, VANOC would have to initiate "alternative contingency plans to avoid cancellation of the Games."

O'Neill said it seems "obvious" the memo is "at the heart" of the government's legislation. "The people of B.C. have the right to know the truth from their health minister, especially when workers' rights are being trampled," he said. "To blame the H1N1 pandemic when the ambulance paramedics have been calling on the government to address this health crisis for more than a year is despicable."

VANOC said it wasn't commenting on the matter.

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Security jobs still available

Contemporary Security Canada, left, the private company VANOC has contracted to do screening security at Olympic venues, is still looking to recruit 500 more workers and volunteers. According to a company official, security levels at the Games will be comparable to what is seen at airports. METRO VANCOUVER

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News in brief

RESIGNATION The long-serving Vancouver police officer who was arrested by Burnaby RCMP in August and charged with incest and sexual assault has resigned. Due to a publication ban, his name cannot be released.

HOSPITAL A fundraiser put on by the South Asian community Monday night raised $900,000 for the Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation's Emergency Centre. The hospital needs $15 million to help replace its emergency room.

COCKPIT FIRE A fire in the cockpit of an Air Canada Jazz flight headed to Vancouver two weeks ago is under investigation by the Transportation Safety Board, cbc.ca reports. The aircraft was en route from Cranbrook when a windshield heater shorted out and caused the fire. METRO VANCOUVER

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Torchbearer Percy Williams is shown holding the Olympic torch yesterday as he takes part in a blessing ceremony in Skidegate, B.C. Follow the Olympic torch relay across Canada with an interactive map at metronews.ca/sports.

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H1N1 claims three more

Death toll in B.C. now 15

Flu **Outbreak**

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Three more people have died of H1N1 in B.C. — all in the Fraser Valley region — bringing the total number of confirmed flu-related deaths to 15.

Severe cases of the illness have also spiked, something health-care workers were bracing for, said provincial health officer Dr. Perry Kendall.

"As we have been expecting, we have seen a jump in cases, in severe cases, and unfortunately some deaths," said Kendall.

Of the 361 severe cases reported across the province since the spring, 162 were identified in the past week.

"Of those new cases, 12 were admitted to intensive care," Kendall said.

One of the biggest issues continues to be availability of the vaccine, which last week kept thousands of Canadians in long queues, and many were turned away because clinics had run out of doses.

In B.C. this week, 200 H1N1 vaccination clinics have opened, and are administering the drug to the most high-risk people, including young children, pregnant women, people with underlying health issues and aboriginals.

"What we don't know is how many people have influenza today in British Columbia," Kendall said.

"It's obviously 10 or a hundred times the number of people who have been tested for the disease."

Flu stats

- By next week, 25 per cent of the population of B.C. will have been vaccinated.
- The province's H1N1 flu phone line is getting 4,000 calls a day.

Telus suggests staff work from home during Games

OLYMPICS Anticipating an Olympic-sized traffic jam in February, Telus has advised its Vancouver employees to try telecommuting instead of battling through bumper-to-bumper traffic to get to the office.

The telecommunications giant has 1,000 employees working out of the downtown core alone.

"It'll help take a few hundred cars off the roads," said Telus spokesperson Shawn Hall.

While he said Telus has a slight advantage because it already has technology for working remotely in place, other businesses can make the leap rather painlessly.

Workers need laptops with audio and video conferencing capabilities, and most importantly, a virtual private network to work remotely and securely from home, Hall said.

Meanwhile, the Vancouver School Board is exploring alternate forms of transportation — including job swaps — for its staff during the Olympics, said trustee Mike Lombardi.

"It's a way to help them deal with a problem that's going to be there," he said. "We're going to see what kind of interest there is."

KIMBERLY SHEARON/
FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Good news for fans of electric cars

STUDY B.C.'s power grid has the capacity to charge almost 2.5 million electric vehicles, almost equal to the number of vehicles on the province's roads now, a new study suggests.

The report by the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions finds B.C. has enough under-utilized generation capacity to support a large electric-vehicle fleet even in the winter when power demands are heavy.

However, the study by three University of Victoria researchers points out that while greener, electric vehicles may not be cheaper.

The government would face a loss of gasoline-tax revenue, which would pave the road for new taxes or levies.

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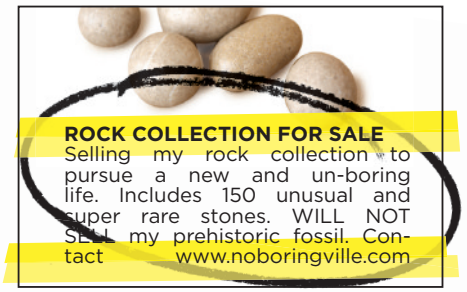
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Freightliner stolen, left on railway tracks
Authorities in Delta had to tow a freightliner pump truck off railway tracks near Cliveden Avenue after somebody stole the vehicle and abandoned it. No culprits were caught, and an investigation into this theft is underway. METRO VANCOUVER

Colbert to the rescue

Satirist calls on fans to support U.S. speedskaters

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

Of the many countries participating in the Vancouver Olympics, add Colbert Nation to the list.

On Monday night's The Colbert Report, Stephen Colbert announced his show has become the primary sponsor of the U.S. speedskating team.

The name "Colbert Nation" — the catchall for the legion of ardent fans of the satirical Comedy Central program — will be emblazoned on the team's uniforms.

"On their enormous, billboard thighs, it will say Colbert Nation," Colbert said. "Be looking for that logo as it comes around the final turn. It will be easy to see because it will be in first place."

The show isn't paying the team any money directly. Instead, Colbert is calling on his fans for donations.

U.S. speedskating executive director Robert Crowley, who appeared on Monday's show, acknowledged it was a "definitely unconventional arrangement," but said it would generate exposure for the sport.

"My character sees the Olympics as war, but nobody gets hurt," Colbert said. "It's a way to peacefully figure out who has got the top country.

"It still tragically involves a lot of Canadians," the comedian said. "It's kind of unseemly how many Canadians I'm going to have to be dealing with."

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Orphaned moose calves faring well: Zoo

WILDLIFE Two wild, orphaned moose calves that arrived at the Greater Vancouver Zoo from Alaska are out of quarantine and doing well, according to staff there.

Jodie Henderson, a spokesperson for the zoo, said the male moose came to the facility in September and spent a month in quarantine.

During that time, they gained approximately 50 kilograms each and now weigh around 160 kilograms each.

After being discovered near Anchorage in the summer, the orphans were taken to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center where they were bottle-fed.

Staff there determined they could not be released back to the wild.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE GREATER VANCOUVER ZOO

Two orphaned male moose at the Greater Vancouver Zoo.

"They can now be seen on display in a temporary enclosure next to our North American Wild's bus station," Henderson said.

"They will be introduced to our adult female moose when they are large enough."

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Natives have right to harvest, sell fish, Supreme Court rules

DECISION A group of Vancouver Island aboriginal bands have the right to hunt for and sell any fish caught in their traditional territories, the B.C. Supreme Court ruled yesterday.

Priscilla Sabbas-Watts, vice-president of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth tribal council, said the band has historically been dependent on sea resources.

"This is going to enable more of our people to do essentially what they were born to do," Sabbas-Watts said.

However, the B.C. government will still be responsible for overseeing and regulating fishing activity in those waters. STIG NIELSEN/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

LIBEL The RCMP officer who fired his Taser at Robert Dziekanski at Vancouver's airport the night the Polish immigrant died has filed a libel lawsuit against the CBC. Const. Kwesi Millington says his reputation has been seriously injured, he has suffered embarrassment and distress, and has been brought into public ridicule.

BAIL Ex-B.C. Lion Josh Boden has been granted bail. Boden has been charged with four counts of sexual assault. The reasons for his bail are under a publication ban.

DRUNK DRIVING A veteran Vancouver police officer has been charged with impaired driving. James Patrick English, who was off-duty at the time, was stopped Aug. 30 at a roadblock on the Trans-Canada Highway, cknw.com reports.

ARREST An RCMP dog unit apprehended a 23-year-old Langley man yesterday after he ran from officers serving an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Matthew Sherwin faces various charges.

RECORD The Guinness World Record for most mousetraps sprung on a tongue in one minute was set in Vancouver at the PNE. A performer for the Monsters of Schlock sprung 27 mousetraps on his tongue during the required time.

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Canadians face charges over U.S. tax cheques
Two Canadian men have been accused of depositing large, illegitimate U.S. tax refund cheques. Donald Mason of Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., and John Chung of Kelowna, B.C., have appeared in court in Seattle on charges of stealing public money. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada

Long-gun a goner?

A Conservative MP says she's close to having enough opposition support to kill the long-gun registry in a vote on her private member's bill today. Candice Hoeppner says she has commitments from eight Liberal and NDP MPs to vote in favour of her legislation. "I would like to have 12 to really make sure it passes," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Work reforms need work: AG

Auditor blasts migrant plan

Reforms to fast-track skilled immigrants and plug gaps in the labour force have not lived up to advance billing, says Auditor General Sheila Fraser.

The Harper government introduced the controversial reforms in 2008.

It argued then they were necessary to eliminate the backlog of more than 600,000 skilled-worker applications and reduce wait times of up to seven years.

Fraser says the changes have done little to cut the number of new applications pouring in or put a dent in the backlog.

The measures "were implemented without sufficient analysis," Fraser says.

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Sheila Fraser

She questions why the reforms — which give the immigration minister power to pick and choose which categories of skilled immigrants will be fast-tracked or turned away — were implemented.

The NDP's Olivia Chow said Fraser proves the opposition was right. "We knew the changes were not going to work," Chow said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Royalty **A salute that spells 'Canada'**

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prince Charles and wife Camilla are framed by an RCMP officer as they tour Brigus, N.L., yesterday during their 11-day visit to Canada. A documentary airing the final day of their tour predicts Charles' coronation could spell the demise of the monarchy in Canada. It notes a Canadian poll in which two-thirds of respondents support ditching the monarchy once the Queen dies.

This flu vaccine grows on you

POLL Canadians are becoming less ambivalent about the vaccine against the H1N1 influenza virus, a new poll suggests.

The results of the latest Canadian Press Harris-Decima survey suggest public reticence about the vaccine is diminishing in the face of concern about the virus. Forty-nine per cent of respondents said they intended to get the shot, while six per cent reported already having done so.

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Man gets 2½ years for airport laser prank

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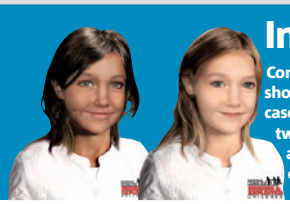

Images show what girl may look like now

Computer generated images from Britain's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre shows how Madeleine McCann might look now, right, and with darker hair and tanned skin in case she has been living in north Africa, left. The now six-year-old girl disappeared more than two years ago while on vacation with family in the Portuguese Algarve. British police appealed yesterday for Internet users worldwide to spread a one-minute CEOP-made video on McCann's disappearance. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chinese crime boss sentenced

CHINA Dubbed the "godmother" of the Chinese underworld, she was notorious for her toughness and a lavish lifestyle that reportedly included luxury villas and a stable of 16 young lovers.

Her criminal reign ended yesterday when Xie Caiping, 46, was sentenced to 18 years in prison for running illegal casinos and bribing officials. Xie is the only female gang boss to be tried as part of a monthslong crackdown on gangs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tapes mirror today?

Newly released White House tapes from the Vietnam War era portray U.S. President John F. Kennedy wrestling over the fate of South Vietnam's strongman in a situation that appears to mirror Barack Obama's quandary today in dealing with Afghanistan's shaky government.

Obama is beset by questions about President Hamid Karzai's popularity, honesty and management of the war against the Taliban, while Kennedy dealt in 1963 with President Ngo Dinh Diem and his inability to turn the tide against Viet Cong insurgents.

At issue in both conflicts was a rising number of U.S. casualties in defending unpopular governments.

Forty-six years ago this week, Vietnamese generals, confident they had the support of their U.S. allies, overthrew Diem's government in Saigon. But Kennedy, conflicted by a State Department green light to the generals in their coup, questioned the move.

Audio tapes and transcripts of four days of White House meetings released this week by the JFK Presidental Library in Boston reflect uncertainty over what steps to take to try to bolster Saigon's government, riddled with corruption and out of touch with its citizens. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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RFK killer moved

- An attorney for the man who assassinated Robert F. Kennedy in 1968 reports that his client was transferred from a prison that houses high-risk offenders to a new facility where his life could be in danger. William F. Pepper said Sirhan Sirhan opposed the move from the California state prison in Corcoran, which houses high-risk prisoners such as Charles Manson, to Pleasant Valley State Prison in nearby Coalinga.

South Africa **Institute launched**

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Delegates dressed in traditional Ndebele outfits stand against a wall before the Institute of African Royalty launch in Johannesburg yesterday. The kings, queens and chiefs of Africa say they have a role to play in democracy and development on the continent.

News in brief

ITALY The Vatican yesterday denounced a ruling by the European court of human rights that said the display of crucifixes in Italian public schools violates religious and education freedoms. The court ordered Italy to pay an $8,000 fine to a mother who fought to have crucifixes removed from her child's classrooms.

FRANCE Claude Levi-Strauss, considered the father of modern anthropology, has died. He was 100. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Lennon's family donates proceeds to peace fund
John Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, and two sons are donating the proceeds from the 40th anniversary release of the hit Give Peace a Chance to a UN peacebuilding fund used to help countries emerging from conflict, the fund announced yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Students found dead in pond

Manitoba woman among trio earlier reported missing in North Dakota

A 21-year-old student from Manitoba was among three North Dakota college softball players found dead yesterday in a Jeep that was pulled from a pond two days after the women disappeared.

Authorities had been searching since Sunday night for Ashley Neufeld of Brandon, Man., Kyrstin Gemar, 22, of San Diego; and Afton Williamson, 20, of Lake Elsinore, Calif.

Police Lt. Rod Banyai said police are "still investigating" the cause of the deaths and autopsies are planned.

Banyai said he believes The Dickinson State University students were in the 1997 Jeep Cherokee Sunday night when they made two cellphone calls to friends for help, before the lines went dead.

Neufeld

Gemar

Williamson

Banyai said the pond is about 3.6 metres deep on a farm northwest of Dickinson. In Brandon, people said they were devastated by news of Neufeld's tragic death. Jim Nay started coaching her in softball when she was about 12 years old and coached her for more than six years.

Nay learned of Neufeld's death last night and said it's a feeling of "nothing but total devastation."

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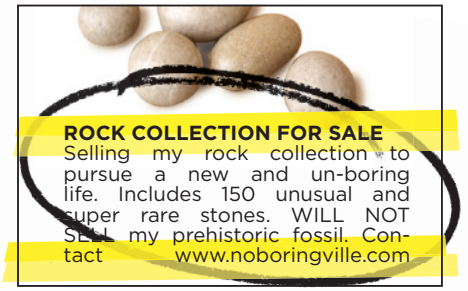
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News in brief

LOUISIANA A justice of the peace who refused to marry a couple because the bride was white and groom was black resigned yesterday. Keith Bardwell, who is white, quit the post with a one-sentence statement to Louisiana Secretary of State Jay Dardenne and no explanation of his decision. Bardwell refused to perform the ceremony for Beth Humphrey and Terence McKay because they are of different races. When questioned about his refusal, Bardwell acknowledged he routinely recuses himself from marrying interracial couples because he believes such marriages cause harm to the couples' children.

KABUL Afghan President Hamid Karzai welcomed his new term — achieved after his main opponent withdrew from a runoff election — by reaching out to opponents yesterday and promising to banish the corruption that has undermined his administration.

ST. LOUIS A Canadian man was sentenced yesterday to two years in U.S. federal prison for stealing a plane in Thunder Bay, Ont., last April and flying over three states before landing along a Missouri highway. Judge Charles Shaw went beyond sentencing guidelines in deciding punishment, saying Adam Leon's actions posed risks to others, cost the government $230,000 US to keep fighter jets in the air for seven hours tracking him, and caused the Wisconsin capitol to evacuate.

U.S. Republicans surged to victory in two governors' races yesterday, delivering a blow to President Barack Obama heading into next year's congressional elections. The victories in Virginia and New Jersey were triumphs for a Republican Party looking to rebuild after being booted from power in national elections in 2006 and 2008.

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Comment

Just Say No to Royals

TheWestView

We are not amused. Charles and Camilla have decided to visit Canada. But nobody asked us, er, me.

The military is ferreting the royal couple around in a free jet, although I'm not sure why — are there no seat sales?

It's bad enough Canadians are still addicted to this vestigial organ of English colonialism; the one we least want to see is Charles. According to the latest poll, 41 per cent prefer William as the next king, and Charlie's stint as tabloid fodder is over (we hope), so what's the point?

Not only that, his mother the Queen is poised to turn up in a few months, which means more bowing and scraping, not to mention jet fuel. At the rate the military budget is being depleted, our troops will have to leave Afghanistan before 2011, long before it is safe for democracy.

I guess you could say Charles' visit pulls us together. This is the first time in living memory I remember agreeing with a separatist. I'm with Patrick Bourgeois, president of Réseau de Résistance du Québécois. Charles is indeed "an atavistic enemy of free Quebec."

On second thought, maybe Charles' visit is a good idea after all.

But no. It's time to Just Say No to the monarchy and all the ridiculous nonsense that attends it.

It's not just that the English monarchy is an affront to the dignity of people from Bombay to Belfast to La Belle Province, although there is that. It's not just that these people live in absurd state-sponsored luxury while 24,000 of the world's children die of hunger every day. And I can't imagine how they can even look at themselves in their gilt-edged mirrors.

It's that here in Canada, we allow the Royals to distract us from nation-building. Instead of forging a strong democratic republic based on diversity, tolerance and imagination, we're allowing Michaëlle Jean to get her vice-regal knickers in a knot over whether or not she's the head of state.

Of course she's not the head of state! She's a CBC reporter! Get over yourself!

The Emperor or the Prince of Wales or whatever he's called, has no clothes on — figuratively speaking — although I bet he's tailored from tip to toe in only the finest products of Savile Row.

God save us from the Queen, the Prince of Wales, the Governor General, the Royal Corgis, etc.

Charles?

Go home.

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Worth mentioning

Don't steal or this could happen to you: Message

In exchange for jail time, a woman and her adult daughter in Bedford, Pa., agreed to stand outside a courthouse holding signs saying they stole a gift card from a nine-year-old girl on her birthday.

Evelyn Border, 56, and Tina Griekspoor, 35, stood outside the court for 4½ hours yesterday. They held signs that read: "I stole from a 9-year-old on her birthday! Don't steal or this could happen to you!"

Because the women agreed to hold the signs, Bedford County District Attorney Bill Higgins said he will ask for probation instead of jail when they pleaded guilty to the theft.

Higgins said they swiped a gift card the girl set on a shelf while a Wal-Mart employee helped her.

The girl's mother planned to drive by the courthouse to teach her daughter the importance of obeying the law.

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Tina Griekspoor is seen holding a sign yesterday in front of the Bedford County courthouse in Bedford, Pa.

Word on the street: How well have governments — federal and provincial — handled the H1N1 vaccination program?

Magdalena Podhorski-Okolow
age 25, Vancouver

A: I don't think the government was being proactive enough. They took so much time making the actual program that a lot of people were already sick.

Sam Pavan
age 21, Vancouver

A: I feel like there is a huge panic around the whole subject, and they (government) handled it fairly well. But I feel that to vaccinate the whole population would be ridiculous.

Andrea Bagnas
age 27, Vancouver

A: I think they handled it pretty well. They have a bunch of available vaccination sites. As far as I am concerned they are handling it and I don't know what else they could do.

Sergio Timoklei
age 29, Toronto

A: On a scale from one to 10, three or four. Big lineups ... Didn't have enough of the vaccine ... I think they should explain it more, give more information about how it can be prevented.

Donna McCulley
age 35, Ottawa

A: I don't think they're doing a very good job. The lineups are ridiculous. They are taking way too long to vaccinate all the high-risk people. The rest of us have to wait until what? We're sick or worse?

Jared Chaston
age n/a, Dartmouth, N.S.

A: From what I've heard they're running out — there's just not enough of it. If there was such a big scare you'd think they'd be a little more prepared for the whole fiasco.

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Nokia announces pending layoffs
Nokia Siemens Networks said yesterday it will lay off up to 5,700 workers globally as part of a move to cut annual costs by $785 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business

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Industry launches web recall program

A coalition of Canadian industry associations has come together to launch a single standardized program for product recalls.

The new recall program will make use of web-based technology created by GS1 Canada, the non-profit organization known for creating and managing bar codes used by businesses.

The new program will not replace or change the existing recall system driven by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

But the group representing manufacturers, retailers and distributors says it will standardize the communication of recall information between Canadian businesses.

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Currently, product recalls are the responsibility of the company involved, and the company works with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and retailers to execute them.

The coalition says this results in significant variation in processes and communication across industry.

The group says the new program will enhance consumer safety and lessen the administrative burden for businesses.

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Deal **Buffett laying tracks**

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In this May 2009 file photo, Warren Buffett, CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, waves to shareholders prior to a meeting in Omaha. Berkshire Hathaway said yesterday it has agreed to buy Burlington Northern Santa Fe in a deal valuing the railroad at $34 billion.

In **brief**

COURT A legal fight between U.S. investment bank Goldman Sachs and insolvent Canwest Global Communications Corp. is brewing after Goldman filed court documents suggesting creditors of the media conglomerate have been making moves without telling them. The allegations centre around a numbered company created by Canwest.

TV NATION Canada's national public broadcaster is calling for cable and satellite services to offer basic packages of essential TV channels at a regulated price. The recommendation by CBC/Radio-Canada is part of a hot debate between conventional TV broadcasters and the carriers that distribute their programming.

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Vehicle sales fall

Vehicle sales in Canada were down only one per cent in October compared to a year earlier, the smallest decline in more than a year amid growing consumer confidence.

Overall, 121,500 vehicles were sold in Canada in October, according to data compiled by DesRosiers Automotive Consultants. This compared to 122,711 a year earlier.

"The overall industry is seeing monthly sales return to levels equivalent to what they were in 2008, despite the fact that year-to-date sales for the industry remain down 13.2 per cent," said David Adams, president of the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers of Canada.

Although several of the major brands are still posting year-over-year declines, this was offset by the large gains of other manufacturers, including Hyundai, Ford and Toyota.

General Motors clung to its top spot with 17.5 per cent of market share.

Ford came in a strong second, with sales up 20.3 per cent to 18,187.

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Haas recovering from H1N1

Tommy Haas, Germany's top-ranked tennis player, is recovering from swine flu. "I did a test because I suspected that I had swine flu. The test was positive," Haas said in yesterday's Bild newspaper. Haas told the paper he was already feeling better. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Bush attends Japan series

Former U.S. president George W. Bush, left, threw out the ceremonial first pitch before Game 3 of the Japan Series between the Yomiuri Giants and Nippon Ham Fighters. The Giants won the game 7-4 to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series, Japan's version of the World Series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Vancouver thumps Rangers

Samuelsson pots pair of goals to lead Canucks to win

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Mikael Samuelsson scored two goals and Ryan Kesler added three assists as the Vancouver Canucks beat the New York Rangers 4-1 in a rare meeting between the teams at General Motors Place last night.

Rick Rypien, with the winning goal, and Henrik Sedin, into an empty net in the final two minutes, also scored for Vancouver as the injury-riddled Canucks posted their third win in four games. They improved to 9-7-0 before a crowd of 18,818, the 270th consecutive sellout at the rink known as the Garage.

Christopher Higgins replied for the Rangers (9-6-1), who suffered their sixth loss in eight games. Vancouver remained unbeaten in three games against Eastern Conference teams this season.

It was the Rangers' first visit to Vancouver in almost two years (Jan. 3, 2008) and only the second in almost eight years. The teams have only played each other six times since Jan. 16, 2002.

Vancouver outshot New York 30-23. Both teams went one-for-five on the power play.

Seven Canucks sat out with injuries. Veteran defenceman Kevin Bieksa played both on the wing and back on the blue-line at times.

Matt Pettinger played for the Canucks after signing a day earlier. The 29-year-old Victoria product is in his second stint with Vancouver. Canucks No. 1 goaltender Roberto Luongo, out since Oct. 27 with a cracked rib, is expected to return to action on the upcoming five-game road trip.

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Vancouver Canucks' Andrew Raycroft, right, stops New York Rangers' Ryan Callahan, centre, as Sami Salo, left, defends during first period action at GM Place last night.

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Canucks show early signs of greatness

TheHockeyNews

Rory Boylen

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It was only one game at the start of the second month of a seven month season, but there's a lot to be said for Vancouver's 3-0 win against Colorado on Sunday.

First, the Avs are the surprise leaders of the division through 15 games and had already beaten Vancouver 3-0 in October. To prevent the Cinderella Avs from playing out to too much of a points lead, Vancouver needed to pull closer at home and set the tone for two more meetings with Colorado later in the month.

Secondly, they needed to do it without world-class goalie Roberto Luongo and with Andrew Raycroft's sieve-like reputation as the last line of defence. On top of that reason to get nervous, two days earlier Raycroft played so poorly he was yanked mid-game for Cory Schneider in a 7-2 loss to Anaheim, a team that had lost four in a row and sat at the bottom of their own division. The Canucks straightened up and held the West's best road team to 18 shots, directly contributing to Raycroft's first shutout since the 2007-08 season.

Thirdly, the Canucks had to get some big points at home before heading out on a five-game road trip that includes stops in St. Louis, Detroit and, yes, Colorado. The brief stay at home pitted them against two teams — the other being the Rangers — who are off to hot, albeit unexpected, starts. Vancouver easily could have lost both games and not made any sort of move up the standings, but they suddenly find themselves sitting second in the division.

Considering how Vancouver slipped out of the gate and then were hit hard by injuries to the most key players on the squad, you have to be pretty happy about the fact they've won eight of their past 12. It seems every week I'm patting this team on the back and giving reasons for optimism, but I challenge you to look back on the past 34 days and point to something concerning.

The calendar has been flipped and each new month brings mounting pressures and less room for error. November will have greater challenges and there are some huge games on the schedule, but so far this team has shown me they will step up when they have to.

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Sports in brief

WORLD SERIES The New York Yankees will try to win their 27th World Series title tonight as they host the Philadelphia Phillies at Yankee Stadium for Game 6. Andy Pettitte is scheduled to pitch for New York, while Pedro Martinez will start for the Phillies.

HOCKEY Jayna Hefford of Kingston, Ont. scored a pair of goals, including one short-handed, to pace Canada to a 4-0 win over Sweden at the Four Nations Cup yesterday.

SOCCER Manchester United and Chelsea scored late goals yesterday to reach the next round of the Champions League with Bordeaux and FC Porto.. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Probe ordered for Flames flu shots

Flu Outbreak

The Alberta government has launched an investigation into how members of the Calgary Flames and their families scored swine flu shots at a special clinic as thousands of people waited in line for the vaccine or were turned away.

Alberta Health Minister Ron Liepert said he wants to know if the shots were "inappropriately diverted" to the hockey players while other Albertans stood in line for hours.

"There is only one supplier in the province and that's us," he said. "They would only be diverted with the approval of the chief medical officer of health."

Dr. Andre Corriveau, Alberta's chief medical health officer, said he first learned about the issue through the news media yesterday and declined to comment due to the investigation.

Ken King, president of the NHL club, said the players and their families received their shots Friday at a private location. He said the organization contacted Alberta Health Services and requested the clinic.

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University of Toronto top Canadian institution: Ranking
The University of Toronto has been chosen as the top Canadian university in Shanghai Jiao Tong University's 2009 Academic Ranking of World Universities. U of T placed 27th overall. UBC, McGill, and McMaster each made the top 100. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Take your kids to work

Today is Take Our Kids to Work day, an annual national program put on by The learning Partnership in which Grade 9 students are hosted by parents, relatives and volunteers at workplaces across the country. The program supports career development by helping students connect school, the world of work and their own futures. See Thelearningpartnership.ca for more. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Website connects students to students

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Marketing to students effectively is a tough job but it's a challenge one Canadian agency is taking on by sticking to simple maxim — don't market to people unless you're ready to give them something useful.

Jonathan Tick, 32, is a managing partner at Campus Marketing Agency based in Toronto and says the best — and hardest — type of marketing to do is the kind that actually benefits the people you're marketing to.

"We take a very utility-driven approach to marketing — we don't market unless it benefits the student in some way. Our goal is to provide them with a resource they can use every day," Tick said.

The agency's newest venture is CampusIntel.com, a site geared around taking all of the various things students search for on the Internet — free goodies, campus and world news, blogs, travel deals and classified ads — and package them into a single place accessible with a single click.

The site incorporates a Metro news feed, free blogs and forums and a classifieds/book swap section unique in its rigour. Unlike other online swap sites that allow people to access listings and trade anonymously, CampusIntel's classifieds require a real university email address to access the site, ensuring that the people creating and responding to ads are bone-fide students. The feature also makes it far less likely that users will be preyed upon by muggers or thieves since correspondence is no longer anonymous.

"One of the things we're stressing (about the book swap) is that you need to have a registered email from a post-secondary institution to use it. It's a much safer marketplace than what you would find with a Craigslist or a Kijiji," Tick said.

Tick points at the many recent failed attempts at using Facebook as a marketing platform as an example that students aren't interested in having their online life interrupted by traditional, projected marketing that doesn't offer them any direct benefit.

"Social networks get a ton of traffic but it's not the kind of traffic that wants to be marketed to. We're really growing this thing organically so that it catches fire," Tick said.

"Social networks get a ton of traffic but it's not the kind of traffic that wants to be marketed to."
Campus Marketing Agency Jonathan Tick

The power of the student demographic of educated people aged 18-24 can be intense, as Tick says the age group is highly peer-oriented, very impressionable and develops life-long habits that can decide, for instance, which razor someone uses for the rest of their life. "This is the time of your life when you're creating your spending habits and loyalty habits."

CampusIntel.com, the latest venture for Campus Marketing Agency, is like Craigslist, but it is not anonymous, it requires a student email in order to participate.

Labels mean less than responsibilities at work

WorkplaceLaw

Customs used to define Canadian employment law — not contracts. When there was a workplace dispute, judges would decide cases based on what was reasonable or just or what the parties would have agreed to if they had thought about the issue from the outset. Customs, however, have been replaced by comprehensive employment contracts and lawsuits for wrongful dismissal. Now, instead of being asked to consider what's most reasonable or fair, judges are asked whether a contract applies and, if so, what its terms represent. But what happens when a contract doesn't accurately portray the true nature of an employee's job? As Centra Windows Ltd. recently learned, sometimes workers are not bound by the agreements they have agreed to.

Having sold home insulation part time for a number of years, a more permanent relationship made sense to Syndey Smith. So, when an opportunity arose to work full time for his friend, the owner of Centra Windows Ltd., Smith did not hesitate to take on the job.

Over the years, Smith's duties increased in scope and importance. He was eventually appointed to the position of vice-president of marketing and development. But in 2004, Centra felt that Smith's performance was far below expectations and terminated him without an offer of severance because Centra felt that Smith was a contractor, not an employee.

However, after 14 years of service, Smith believed he was entitled to much more. He then challenged Centra's views in court — and recently he won.

Although Smith was not paid a salary and he incorporated his own company to invoice Centra for services, he was truly an employee, ruled the court. The true test is not what the parties call themselves in a contract, but rather how they actually behaved. Despite the lack of an "employee" label, the court concluded this relationship existed anyway.

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Workology in brief

UVIC GOES SOCIAL Following on the heels of a research initiative to better understand its current and prospective students, the University of Victoria has created a new campaign for its 2010-11 undergraduate recruitment initiative — The Anything Project. The campaign is centred on the question, "If you could do anything, what would you do?" uVic produced a video featuring student, faculty, and staff responses to the question, and is now inviting the public to share their answers through a campaign-related microsite that launches today.

REDESIGN FOR ROYAL ROADS WEBSITE Nearly three months after launching a new website, Royal Roads University has seen a marked increase in traffic to the site. Since the Aug. 7 launch, traffic from Google is up 15 per cent compared to the same period the year before. Page views are up by 17 per cent, and requests for more information about the institution's programs have risen by 30 per cent.

LESS SUPPORT TO MANAGERS A recent study conducted by OI Partners, a global consortium of leadership development consultancies, found that in the wake of the recession, many companies in Canada are offering less support to newly promoted managers. The majority of employees moving into management positions to replace staff who were let go during recent cutbacks, are not getting the training they need to succeed. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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What happens when Dragons clash?

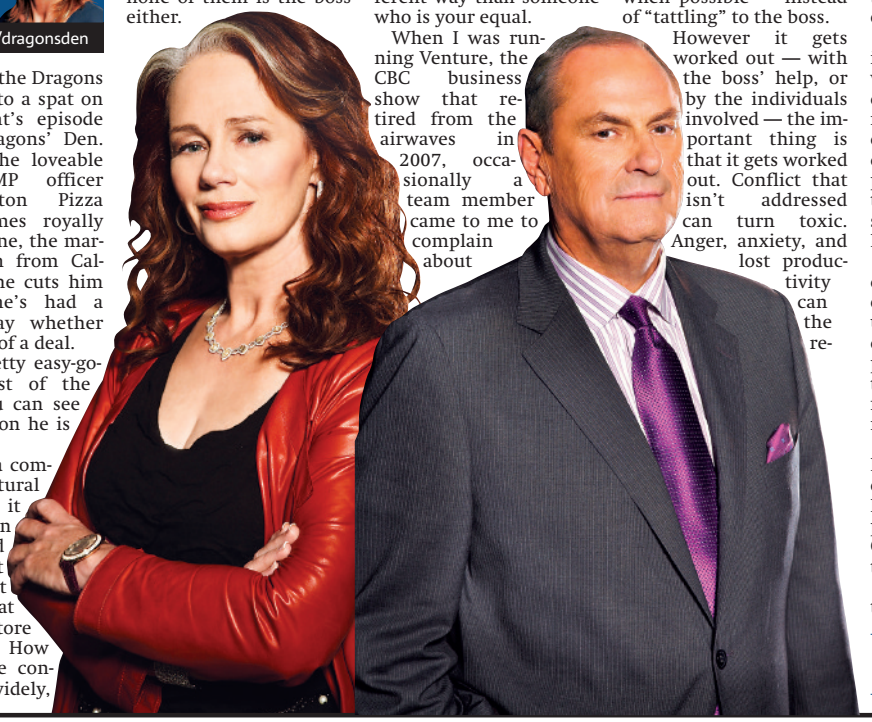
Dragons' Den
Dianne Buckner
metronews.ca/dragonsden

Two of the Dragons get into a spat on tonight's episode of Dragons' Den. Jim, the loveable former RCMP officer turned Boston Pizza baron, becomes royally ticked at Arlene, the marketing maven from Calgary, when she cuts him off before he's had a chance to say whether he's in or out of a deal.

Jim is a pretty easy-going guy most of the time, but you can see in this situation he is steamed.

Conflict is a completely natural part of life — it can happen anywhere and anytime, at work or at home — or at the grocery store check-out. How people handle conflict varies widely, but it's often a sign of their character, and frankly, their mental health.

The Dragons are clearly not co-workers — but none of them is the boss either.



And power plays a major role in how we handle workplace conflict. You have to handle a dispute with your supervisor or your subordinate in a different way than someone who is your equal.

When I was running Venture, the CBC business show that retired from the airwaves in 2007, occasionally a team member came to me to complain about a colleague. I almost always asked if they had expressed their concerns to the person in question. It's better if peers resolve the issue themselves — when possible — instead of "tattling" to the boss.

However it gets worked out — with the boss' help, or by the individuals involved — the important thing is that it gets worked out. Conflict that isn't addressed can turn toxic. Anger, anxiety, and lost productivity can the result.

Experts say the ingredients to resolving a conflict are respect, a willingness to consider other viewpoints, and to value the legitimate needs of everyone involved.

Unfortunately there are immature adults around who just aren't willing to co-operate. But I think most people do want to do a good job, and feel comfortable in the workplace. If it's possible to tap into those positive instincts, a solution is more likely.

We don't often get to choose our colleagues — others choose them for us. The Dragons didn't choose each other — the production team made those selections. And frankly a bit of conflict makes for good TV!

It's revealing to watch how Jim and Arlene handle their conflict. Does Arlene allow Jim to participate in the deal-making? Can Jim get over his pique to play?

Be sure to check it out tonight.

Dianne Buckner is the host of Dragons' Den. Tonight's episode airs at 8 p.m. on CBC. Follow Dianne on Twitter @DianneBuckner.

Many trust unqualified electricians

SKILLED-TRADES A new study shows a large percentage of Ontario homeowners think it's OK to let unqualified people do their electrical work for them.

A recent Leger Marketing survey found that 45 per cent of homeowners wouldn't bother to check the credentials of contractors before hiring them to perform electrical work and up to 70 per cent of homeowners would hire a neighbour, friend or handyman to install a new light fixture, repair an electrical outlet or wire an outdoor timer — all potentially dangerous tasks if not performed properly.

Lucy Impera, registrar of licensing and certification at the province's Electrical Safety Authority (ESA), says the survey results show that a lack of education still exists among the public about the dangers inherent in electrical work.

"Unfortunately homeowners and the public really don't understand the seriousness of electrical work. The public tends to go for the lowest rate and they don't understand the risks." –RAFAEL BRUSILOW

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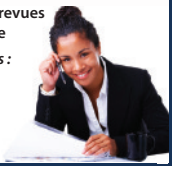

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Enrolment up 9 per cent at University of Saskatchewan
According to the University of Saskatchewan's annual enrolment report, for the first time since 2003, more students are attending the institution this year than the year before — a positive sign considering the declining high-school student population in Saskatchewan. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Seasonal worker should expect competition

The outlook for seasonal hiring in the fourth quarter of 2009 is projected to be similar to 2008, according to a new CareerBuilder survey.

Eighteen per cent of hiring managers plan to hire seasonal workers to meet business needs associated with the holidays and end-of-the-year wrap-ups, on par with 17 per cent in 2008. At the same time, competition for holiday work is heating up.

In addition to unemployed workers pursuing seasonal employment, 12 per cent of employed workers plan to take on a seasonal job to help make ends meet.

Popular Seasonal Positions

Seasonal positions may prove to be the break job seekers are looking for as three-in-ten (31 per cent) hiring managers indicate they are likely to hire a seasonal worker for a full time position. The most popular positions identified for seasonal recruitment include customer service, retail sales, administrative/clerical, hospitality, shipping/delivery, inventory, technology and accounting/finance.

Seasonal Pay

While some hiring managers (12 per cent) say they plan to increase pay for seasonal workers, 15 per cent are planning a decrease. Forty-four per cent of hiring managers expect to pay $10 or more per hour and 12 per cent expect to pay $16 or more per hour. Thirty-four per cent of hiring managers plan to pay between $8 and $10 per hour and 20 percent expect to pay between $6 and $8.

Seasonal workers will be in demand as much as they were last year.

"Competition for seasonal positions will be intense as the job market is flooded with qualified candidates vying for a smaller number of open positions," said Brent Rasmussen, President of CareerBuilder North America. "Employers tell us they are accepting the majority of their seasonal applications during October and November, meaning job seekers need to identify and apply for those opportunities now."

Some recommendations:

START APPLYING EARLY: Seventy-seven per cent of hiring managers do not plan to accept applications for seasonal workers beyond November.

DO YOUR HOMEWORK: Nearly a quarter (24 per cent) of hiring managers say that having no knowledge of the company or products deterred them from hiring a seasonal candidate in the past.

SHOW ENTHUSIASM: Almost half (48 per cent) of employers say they were turned off by a candidate who lacked enthusiasm during their interview.

DRESS THE PART: If you are interviewing for a job in a retail clothing store, it's a good idea to show up dressed in an outfit from that store.

BE FLEXIBLE REGARDING YOUR SCHEDULE: Forty-seven per cent of hiring managers said they were turned off candidates who refused to work certain hours. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology in **brief**

AWARDS FOR MEMORIAL Memorial University has won the 2009 Award for Best Brochure and Catalogue for Novel Ideas: President's Report 2008 at the ICE (Innovation, Creativity, Enterprise) Awards last Wednesday. The annual report also received two Craft Awards: One for writing, the other for design. The ICE Awards are organized by a diverse group of Atlantic Canada advertising and marketing professionals. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Metro auto writers shine

Metro writer Mark Atkinson was runner-up in the Journalist of the Year category at the Automotive Journalists Association of Canada Awards last week. A Metro Drive article, Know Thy Insurance, was among his submissions. Metro writer Jil McIntosh also bagged awards, including one for Environmental Journalism.

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Breeze through the freeze

The right accessories can make all the difference in winter

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

November's blustery winds should be the trigger that gets people into winter driving mode, but inevitably, many of us continue blindly into our coldest season unprepared. It happens every year — once the first snowfall hits, only then will the local service shops be filled to capacity with those scrambling to get pre-winter work done, or booking the body-shop after an unintended collision.

Now is the perfect time to get the jump on winter preparation, so Metro gathered some tips on how you can keep safe on the road, and how to stay alive if you do end up going off.

STOCK PHOTO

A snow brush and a ice scraper are must-have accessories during winter months.

VISIBILITY

To have visibility during all winter weather conditions, it is important to have the right necessities available.

Keep a snow brush and ice scraper in your vehicle at all times during the winter months. If your car is often parked outdoors, invest in a winter windshield cover to keep snow, frost and ice off of your windshield.

Also, top-up on windshield fluid for extreme temperatures and always keep an extra jug in the trunk.

CHECK-UP

Prior to the start of any new season, make an appointment to have your vehicle fully serviced, especially prior to winter, when weather elements can affect many performance elements of the vehicle. Have your battery and charging system checked to ensure it will have enough power to start the car on cold mornings. Check wiper blades for signs of wear and cracking and replace if necessary. Better yet, change to heavy-duty winter blades like Teflon wiper blades. Also, extreme cold is hard on the engine oil. An oil change and new filter are good ideas for the change in season.

PACK A VEHICLE EMERGENCY KIT

Keep the following items on-hand in your car, in the event you are ever stuck or stranded:

- Cellphone with hands-free option
- Emergency car starter
- Gloves and hat
- Shovel
- Flashlight
- Jumper cables

MORE TIPS TO GET YOU STARTED

- Make sure you sweep and scrape all the ice and snow off your car before you drive off. It's extremely dangerous not only to you, but also to the others who follow in your wake.
- While having a cellphone with you for emergencies is great, don't distract yourself by using it when driving. In four provinces and counting, this is illegal anyway, but it's poor judgement in all of them. Use your vehicle's built-in Bluetooth if it is so equipped, or invest is a generic hands-free kit.
- Install winter tires (see story on page 46).

Warming up

- Canadian winters can be bitterly cold, so warming up your car is essential. Depending on where you live, 60 seconds might be all the time you need. According to Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), warming up your car for more than 60 seconds can be an expensive, inefficient and a harmful waste of fuel.

In cold weather, use a block heater on a timer for two hours and then start driving easy and let the car warm up on the road. Letting your car idle in the driveway for more than 60 seconds, either by a remote starter or starting it yourself, wastes fuel and does not adequately warm up all your vehicle components such as the transmission, tires or the catalytic converter.

Driving your car "smooth and easy" is the best way to warm up your vehicle's components.

If drivers avoided idling by just three minutes a day over the year, Canadians would collectively save 630 million litres of fuel, and $630 million in fuel costs (assuming a fuel cost of $1.00/L).

- NRCan has more winter driving tips at vehicles.nrcan.gc.ca.

NEWS CANADA

Mazda3 Sport

Ford Taurus

Beep! beep! The winners are here

MARK ATKINSON
and JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

Last weekend, the Automotive Journalists Association of Canada announced its category winners for the year during its Test Fest event. Metro writers Jil McIntosh and Mark Atkinson were among the automotive experts at the AJAC event who were invited to get behind the wheels of 157 new vehicles and make their picks. Here's what our experts have to say about some of the winners:

MAZDA3: BEST NEW SMALL CAR (UNDER $21K)

MARK ATKINSON: Mazda's smart update to the popular 3 sedan hits all the right notes. The updated design, revvy engine and nimble reflexes make this one entry-level car that doesn't feel like a penalty box.

MAZDA3 SPORT: BEST NEW SMALL CAR (OVER $21K)

JIL MCINTOSH: Hatchback styling and great performance blend with 2.5-litre, 167-horsepower four-cylinder engine. The interior looks great.

FORD TAURUS: BEST NEW FAMILY CAR (OVER $30K)

MA: The best name reincarnation yet, the brand new Taurus is not the abused-rental-car of old. Classy lines, great interior space, a powerful engine, good dynamics and a long list of standard features highlight Ford's big turnaround.

- Visit metronews.ca/auto for a complete list of winners.and more expert opinion.

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New Alaskan cruises 15

A new small-ship cruise line, InnerSea Discoveries, will start weeklong voyages between Ketchikan and Juneau in 2011. The routes will explore Prince of Wales Island plus the Baranof and Kuiu islands area, Frederick Sound, Admiralty Island and Endicott Arm. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Travel

Voluntourism ideas

The new book Frommer's 500 Places Where You Can Make a Difference (John Wiley & Sons) details numerous possibilities for voluntourism, grouping them into categories such as animal welfare, working with children, healing the environment, building better communities, peace-building and spiritual service. Service travel has been around a long time, writes author Andrew Mersmann, but "the easy availability of these trips is somewhat new." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Present perfect

London's markets are an inspired source for wallet-friendly gifts

ROMINA McGUINNESS
Metro World News

STEPHEN MCLAREN/VISITLONDONIMAGES

Left, shoppers browse for ornaments in Greenwich Market. Right, a huge candy stall at the annual Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park.

New York City may be famous for its over-the-top take on the Christmas season, but London brings a quirky exuberance to the holidays that's all its own.

Fortunately, this works very well for budget shoppers: just ducking into a high street chain such as Paperchase, paperchase.co.uk will net you delightfully creative cards and ornaments of an ilk that no one at home has likely seen before.

But the city's abundance of street markets also makes London a great place to find fabulous bits and bobs to fill up the stockings. Whether vintage, organic or eclectic, you're sure to find a gift that will make someone merry.

Broadway market

Nestled between Dalston and Hackney and facing leafy London Fields is London's best kept secret; Broadway Market. The market is eco-aware, so no plastic bags are exchanged between buyers and sellers — bring your own tote — and goods are fair trade or organic.

From edible presents to quirky crafts, Broadway offers all kinds of rich and random treats. You'll also find treasures such as ceramics, lace headbands and secondhand books; assess your bargains over a coffee and cupcake at one of the cozy cafes on the sidewalk. See broadwaymarket.co.uk.

Camden Market

Don't let the tattoo-clad locals and rock bars put you off London's most fascinating street market, which runs along Regent's Canal. Sure, it's all a little chaotic, but at its heart you'll find an inexhaustible supply of gifts. There are vintage Vivienne Westwood dresses and jewelry sourced from all corners of the world.

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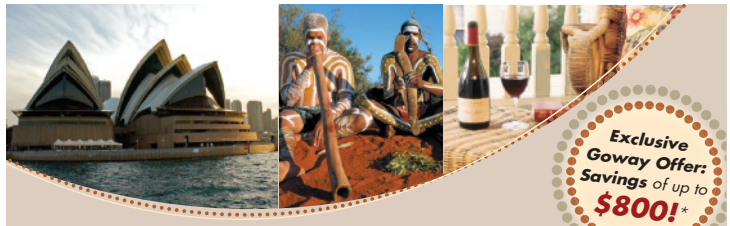
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Disney Dream
Disney's newest cruise ship, the Disney Dream, will debut in early 2011 and feature a water coaster called the AquaDuck that sends guests racing above the upper decks of the ship; as well as an animated turtle that engages children in conversation about life in the ocean. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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London's markets offer up holiday treasures

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Indulge in a cup of green tea and moist carrot cake at Yumchaa, a rare oasis of piece and quiet overlooking the market place. See camdenlockmarket.com.

Greenwich Market

Situated on the bank of the Thames, the village of Greenwich — a UNESCO World Heritage site — is London ... but not quite.

Located outside the central zone makes it the perfect day trip away from the hordes of shoppers.

Come the festive period, the stalls are perfect for picking up original gifts that won't break the bank. Richard Crafts' handcrafted metal designs come in all kinds of shapes and sizes: The wired wonders include dancing fairies, Christmas trees and shooting stars.

Make a cultural stop at Maritime Greenwich to visit the Cutty Sark, cuttysark.org.uk., the world's last remaining tea clipper ship. The local shop sells kitschy memorabilia from Christmas cards to collector coins. See greenwich market.net.

Spitalfields and Sunday Up Market

Recently revamped Spitalfields is great for those wanting to experience the market vibe while shielded from rain and freezing winds; thankfully, the entire space is covered with a glass ceiling.

You'll find everything from oysters and chocolate brownies to Peruvian ponchos and vintage accessories. Cross the road over to Brick Lane for the grittier yet equally glamorous treasure trove that is the Sunday Up Market. See spitalfields.co.uk; sundayupmarket.co.uk.

Seasonal shopping events

Winter Wonderland in Hyde Park: This seasonal fair has grown into a 20-acre mélange of rides, holiday-themed stage shows and eateries. It also contains a German Christmas Market, with more than 50 decorated chalets selling gifts and refreshments, providing an "atmospheric alternative to the High Street."
• Open Nov. 21 to Jan. 3, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., closed Christmas Day.
• hydeparkwinterwonderland.com.

Cockpit Arts Open Studios: Creativity, particularly with regards to visual design, seems to bloom in London, so a trip to see a group of the city's best artisans is always worthwhile. Cockpit Arts, a creative-business incubator, has Open Studios days at which you can meet the 165 resident designers and browse their wares. This year's pre-holiday dates at Cockpit Arts Holborn are Friday, Nov. 27 to Sun., Nov. 29. See cockpitarts.com for details.

A shopkeeper in Camden Market.

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Griffin ready to dance
Kathy Griffin will host ABC's new show Let's Dance, in which celebrity contestants will re-enact famous routines. It will premiere at 9:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 23, after the Dancing With the Stars performance finale. EW.COM

Entertainment

New faces
MAC has tapped Lady Gaga and Cyndi Lauper to be the new faces of the MAC AIDS Fund. The campaign, called From Our Lips, will launch in February according to Women's Wear Daily. METRO WORLD NEWS

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Eustace dishes on ugly split

Divorce Sucks chronicles loss of husband to Tori Spelling

IAN JOHNSTON
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Divorce sucks in general. But to have your divorce played out in public can reach new heights of ... well ... sucking.

"Divorce really kicks your ass," says Mary Jo Eustace, who woke up one day to find out her husband, actor Dean McDermott, had left her for Hollywood starlet Tori Spelling.

Cue the tabloid frenzy.

"I'd get constant calls to sell my story or to be on reality shows. Friends sold stories about me to the tabloids. And I was constantly portrayed as this bitter, old, crazy ex-wife. Just lie after lie."

Eustace — best known for her cooking series What's For Dinner and He Said, She Said — did eventually get through it, turning her divorce experience into her just-released book, Divorce Sucks.

> **"Divorce is not something people talk about. They assume it won't happen to them. And when it does, it can be horrendous."**
> Mary Jo Eustace

It's a part tell-all, part no-nonsense guide on what to do (and definitely not do) during a divorce.

Which begs the question — why would she want to relive such a terrible experience?

"I think the book was a perfect combination where I could be funny, and help people by sharing my personal stories," she says. "Divorce is not something people talk about. They assume it won't happen to them. And when it does, it can be horrendous."

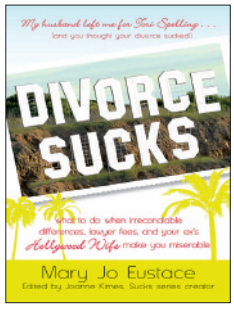
In Divorce Sucks, Eustace's own experiences occasionally border on the bizarre. Like her questionable decision to meet the "other woman," Spelling, only to have Spelling use that encounter as fodder for her own autobiographic book.

Eustace — who is originally from Toronto and currently lives in Los Angeles with her two children — says the underlying message of her book is learning to like yourself post-divorce.

"It's about accepting that you're worthy to enjoy life again, and patting yourself on the back. If you're able to do that, it's a major thing," she says. "If you're angry and bitter, you're not going to enjoy your new life."

Eustace's new life isn't straying all that far from the topic of divorce. Later this month, she'll film a pilot for a new W series called Second Act.

"It's all about getting people unstuck and moving them forward in life."



Mary Jo Eustace, right, turned her divorce experience — from reality TV star Dean McDermott of Tori & Dean — into the just-released book Divorce Sucks, above.

John Grisham's short tales

It's hard to sell a book of short stories. But not if you're John Grisham.

The author of A Time to Kill, The Client and other blockbusters has written his first collection of short fiction, Ford County, set in the Mississippi community he has used often in his fiction.

Grisham's latest — much of it based on his years as a criminal defence and personal litigation lawyer in Southaven, Miss. — includes tales of a dull, dumped husband redeemed by gambling, a ruthless attorney confronted by some old victims and a bunch of buddies who plan to give blood to a hospitalized friend, but have a few drinks along the way.

Story collections rarely sell more than a few thousand copies but demand for Ford County has been so high that it was caught in the publishing price wars, with Walmart.com and Amazon.com among those offering pre-orders of the $24 US hardcover for $9 or less. Yesterday, the book's official release date, Amazon was still selling it for $9.

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Renowned American author John Grisham's first book of short stories, Ford County, is based on his years as lawyer in Southaven.

"The truth of it is that most of the lawyers I knew way back then, and still know, are honest, hard-working people who don't make a lot of money, in a small town," he said.

"Nobody wants to read about those guys. That's pretty dull. You want to read about a guy who stole money and faked his death or whatever, took off.

"There's a general feeling of unhappiness and lack of fulfilment among many lawyers in small towns. They went to law school and now they're in a small town and maybe it's not what they thought it would be. It's just not as fulfilling."

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Jim Carrey, right, is the latest actor to play the infamous Ebenezer Scrooge in the upcoming Disney version of A Christmas Carol.

Scrooge reborn

BY RICHARD CROUSE
For Metro Canada

Movie **feature**

IMDB lists 70 entries for the character Ebenezer Scrooge. Everyone from Jack Palance to Vanessa Williams (her character was called Ebony Scrooge) have "bah humbugged" their way through the role.

This weekend Jim Carrey joins that list in a big budget Disney motion capture version of A Christmas Carol. But why have the character and the story of the man who hated Christmas stayed popular since Charles Dickens penned it 166 years ago?

The first reason may have appealed to old Scrooge's frugal nature. The story is in public domain, meaning there are no pesky payments to the Dickens family for using the character, but to be made (the first film came in 1901) remade (21 times on film and dozens more made for TV) then turned on its head and remade again and again, there must be something else about the story's humbuggery that resonates with viewers.

A Christmas Carol opens in theatres this Friday

The Life and Times of Ebenezer Scrooge author Paul Davis says the story is one of those rarities that is so familiar it's almost part of our collective DNA.

"My acquaintance with Scrooge seems preliterate," he wrote, "different from my sense of Dick and Jane, Dr. Doolittle or Robinson Crusoe. I remember when I first met the Hardy Boys, but I feel as though I've always known Scrooge and Tiny Tim."

Dr. Philip Allingham of Lakehead University, concurs, calling it a "wonderful, heart-warming story with people that we feel we know extremely well."

Familiarity with the characters is one thing but other scholars think the story's ability to seem current, no matter when it is restaged is a major selling point.

"What it all boils down to is that A Christmas Carol is that rare and precious thing, a story for the ages," said the Washington Post's Jonathan Yardley, "like other such stories — the Bible, the dramas of ancient Greece, the plays of Shakespeare — becomes a distinct and different entity in each age."

Perhaps these days of bear markets and economic uncertainty have given the story a timely slant. In light of our recent economic downturn Scrooge's penny-pinching ways could be seen as something to be emulated.

The bottom line, however, may be the simplest explanation of all; A Christmas Carol is a tale of redemption that confirms the fundamental spiritual nature of Christmas itself. In other words, it makes us feel good.

No one can do it better

• Jim Carrey insists he is the perfect actor to portray Ebenezer Scrooge in Robert Zemeckis' new 3-D animation version of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, since he and the famous character have so much in common. "I hate Christmas," he insists. "I'm the only one in Hollywood who hates it."

All joking aside, Carrey was thrilled to take on the famous part, especially since the technology allowed him to become a more believable miser without worrying if the makeup would be believable.

But the process of making a motion-capture movie wasn't something Carrey was necessarily used to. The face the digital artists came up with for Scrooge was also disconcerting, Carrey admits. "When I saw the movie, one of the first things I said was, 'My family is going to have a heart attack. That is my father.'"

Alastair Sim

For inspiration, Carrey looked to the famous Scrooges of the past, particularly Alastair Sim, from 1951's Scrooge. "His whole being had an acid reflux bitterness to it that is just splendid to watch. I wanted to have that feeling, that deep feeling that causes rheumatism, that will eventually eat you alive from inside."

— NED EHRBAR/ METRO WORLD NEWS

Lost star gets taste of Law
Lost star Naveen Andrews has signed on to film a guest spot on an episode of Law & Order: SVU. The details of his role are being kept under wraps for now. TVGUIDE.COM

Polanski appeals to courts again

Roman Polanski has appealed again to the Swiss courts to be released from prison on bail, officials said yesterday, the latest step in the director's protracted legal battle to avoid extradition to the United States.

The Swiss Criminal Court declined to comment on the contents of the appeal, but the Justice Ministry said it was an offer that the government has already turned down in part because it lacked a cash guarantee.

Folco Galli, the Justice Ministry spokesman, said it was an appeal of a release request that was rejected last week. Such re-appeals are common under Swiss law.

The 76-year-old filmmaker has suffered a string of setbacks since he was arrested Sept. 26 in Zurich as he arrived to receive a lifetime achievement award from a film festival. Authorities in Los Angeles want him extradited for having sex in 1977 with a 13-year-old girl.

The court confirmed yesterday that it received the appeal, a day after a lawyer for Polanski said the request had been filed and included adequate guarantees that he would not flee justice if released.

Attorney Herve Temime had earlier said the appeal would include a significant cash amount but did not repeat the claim on Monday.

Court official Patrick Guidon declined to say when a verdict might be expected.

Polanski is asking for the Swiss court to reverse the government's decision to reject bail because of the high risk he would flee the country, Galli said.

The director of such film classics as Rosemary's Baby and Chinatown was accused of raping the 13-year-old girl after plying her with champagne and a Quaalude pill during a modeling shoot in 1977.

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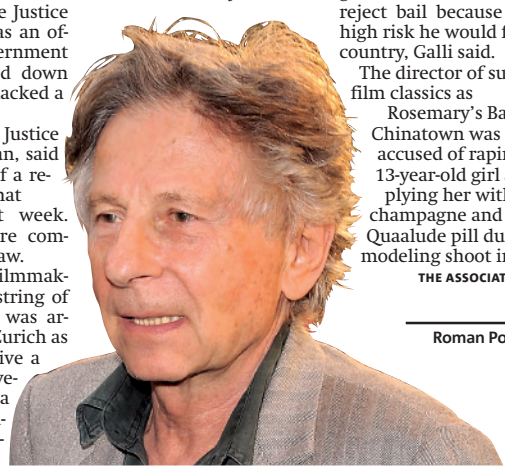

Roman Polanski

Accused Seacrest stalker pleads not guilty

AMERICAN IDOLIZE A man arrested outside Ryan Seacrest's workplace has pleaded not guilty to a felony stalking charge.

Chidi Benjamin Uzomah Jr. entered the plea yesterday through an attorney.

A court commissioner ordered Uzomah to stay 500 yards (457 metres) away from Seacrest if he is released from jail on $150,000 US bail.

Los Angeles police arrested Uzomah at the E! Entertainment Television headquarters in Los Angeles on Friday.

A request for a civil restraining order stated he was carrying a knife at the time.

Uzomah appeared in street clothes during yesterday's hearing and agreed to be represented by a public defender.

He is due back in court Nov. 16.

Seacrest did not attend.

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Series drives up ratings for Fox

BASEBALL The World Series gave the Fox network world-class ratings last week as the New York Yankees squared off against the Philadelphia Phillies in four much-watched games.

Fox can thank baseball for a huge average audience of 14.69 million viewers (8.8 rating, 14 share).

Game 4 was the most-watched program in prime time, followed by Game 1, Game 2 and Fox's pregame show for Game 4, according to Nielsen Co.

But other networks weren't sleeping. ABC's Dancing With the Stars ranked fifth for the week, and CBS' scripted dramas NCIS, The Mentalist and CSI: Crime Scene Investigation helped round out the Top 10.

Fox's Game 3 of the World Series ranked ninth.

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Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt
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Entertainment in brief

CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE
Jim Carrey, Colin Firth and Bob Hoskins appeared in central London to switch on the city's Christmas lights and attend the world premiere of a 3-D film, A Christmas Carol, yesterday. The actors went to the British capital to promote Robert Zemeckis' animated movie, which features their voices. The three stars switched on the lights at Oxford Circus and Regent Street — London's main shopping areas — and at St. Paul's cathedral.

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Criminal Minds
Insert your own "keep an eye out" joke here. In this new episode, Rossi (Joe Mantegna) and the BAU try to track down a serial killer with an unusual collection of souvenirs: the eyes of his victims. Salli Richardson-Whitfield ("Eureka") returns as a victim's sister. Thomas Gibson, Paget Brewster, Shemar Moore and Matthew Gray Gubler also star in "The Eyes Have It." 9 PM on CBS CTV

Flowers Uncut
He's the Paul Teutul of pansies, the Duff Goldman of daffodils. In the tradition of "American Chopper," "Ace of Cakes" and other workplace reality series comes this new show starring Jeff Leatham, a floral designer with a larger-than-life personality who specializes in big events and big names. In the series premiere, Jeff is in the process of moving his operation from Paris to New York when his partner gets him a big gig in South Korea. 7 PM on TLC

Near face-planting experience

Mariah Carey almost went face-first into Jay Leno's stage during a taping of his show on Monday night, popeater.com reports. As Carey was making her way onto the stage, she tripped up and nearly fell forward. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Rihanna breaks her silence

CENTRE OF THE CIRCUS Months after being attacked by ex-boyfriend Chris Brown, Rihanna is speaking out about her healing process in December issue of Glamour magazine, people.com reports.

"My story was broadcast all over the world for people to see," she says. "They have followed every step of my recovery.

"The positive thing that has come out of my situation is that people can learn from that. I want to give as much insight as I can to young women, because I feel like I represent a voice that really isn't heard. Now I can help speak for those women."

Named Glamour's 2009 Woman of the Year, Rihanna, 21, will be honoured in a special ceremony at New York's Carnegie Hall on Monday. In addition to opening up about her difficult year, the singer — and fashionista — will also appear in a pictorial spread.

As for the massive scrutiny following the February 2009 attack, Rihanna says, "I went to sleep as Rihanna and woke up as Britney Spears. That was the level of media chaos that happened the next day."

And, she says, the past nine months have been a source of growth and strength. "I am stronger, wiser and more aware. You don't realize how much your decisions affect people you don't even know, like fans."

The singer has already released the power ballad Russian Roulette off her fourth album, Rated R, due in stores Nov. 23. "I've put everything I've wanted to say for the past eight months into my music," she says. "(It's) super fearless — which is exactly how I feel right now. I am in a really good place."

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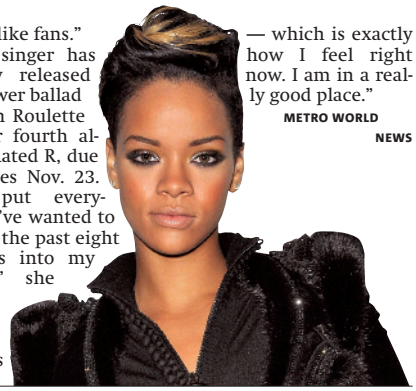

Celebrity tweets

Demi Moore likes to brag and John Favreau has a confession to make.

• @mrskutcher
My husband is gorgeous inside & out! Just wanted 2 express my awe at how lucky I feel 2 be with this man

• @John_Favreau
Is anyone else going through their kids' trick or treat candy after they fell asleep?

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Winslet gets last laugh

ETHICAL WARFARE Academy Award winner Kate Winslet said yesterday she was "delighted" to win a payout of about $40,000 US from a British newspaper that said she lied about her exercise regime, people.com reports.

"I strongly believe that women should be encouraged to accept themselves as they are, so to suggest that I was lying was an unacceptable accusation of hypocrisy," the 33-year-old mother of two said in a statement.

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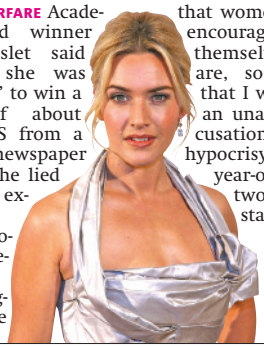

Barton centre of bar brawl?

YOU TALKING TO ME?! Mischa Barton sparked a fight at a Halloween party, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former O.C. star was furious after a reveller threw a drink over her at New York's Park Bar on Saturday after she accidentally stepped on his foot, throwing her own beverage at the unnamed partygoer in retaliation.

The incident took an ugly turn when the actress — who was dressed as a peacock — returned to her table and told her friends, who rushed to confront the man.

A source told Radar Online: "Within a few minutes one of her male friends came over to confront the guy and asked him to step outside. Mischa's friend left but then he kept coming back every few minutes to complain."

The two men then allegedly fought on the dance floor before two bouncers came and threw out the instigator — who had "a gash to his head and his knee was all cut up."

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Fame? No thanks

BUT THE MONEY'S NICE Kristen Stewart isn't interested in the spotlight. "I don't want to be a movie star like Angelina Jolie," The Twilight star tells Blackbook magazine. "Nothing about being a celebrity is desirable. I'm an actor. It's bizarre to me that everybody's so obsessive."

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She likes big butts and she cannot lie

YOU TELL 'EM, SISTER!! The former Sports Illustrated cover girl is back in modeling shape — but not because she wants to retake the catwalk. Tyra Banks has regained control of her eating habits, people.com reports.

On The Tyra Show airing today, the host reveals her longtime struggle with chronic stomachaches. "I would get major attacks," Banks, 35, says. "I would be in bed for days, it was so painful."

Thanks to the help of nutritionist Heather Bauer, Banks reevaluated her eating habits by keeping a food diary. "I switched up my unhealthy eating habits for healthier eating habits, and I haven't had a tummy attack since December '08," she says.Banks is now revealing how she lost almost 30 lbs. since her famous "Kiss my fat ass" incident in early 2007.

But don't worry, Banks assures fans that she hasn't turned her back on the curvy club. "I feel good about my curves and my imperfections — my booty, my boobs, my thighs — I embrace it all," she says. "Now I really can say ... kiss my fat — and still fat — ass."

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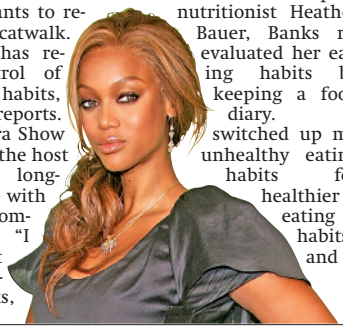

Kiefer drinking at 7 a.m.?

NO FIGHTS REPORTED It's never to late for a nightcap, at least not for Kiefer Sutherland and his crew.

The 24 star wrapped filming on an episode of the hit series early one morning last week and allegedly headed to a nearby bar in San Pedro, Calif. — at 7 a.m.

TMZ alleges Sutherland treated the crew, spending a total of $700 at the bar between the hours of 7 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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Paris' phone panic attack

OMFG Paris Hilton got quite a scare after leaving a Halloween party when her cell phone was tossed from her limo while driving through Hollywood.

"She was staggering down the street, up and down," a source tells Page Six. "She was mad," another source says.

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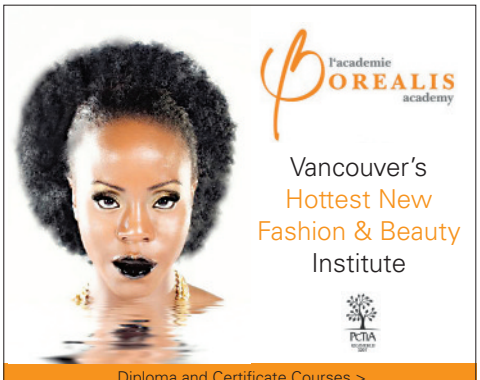

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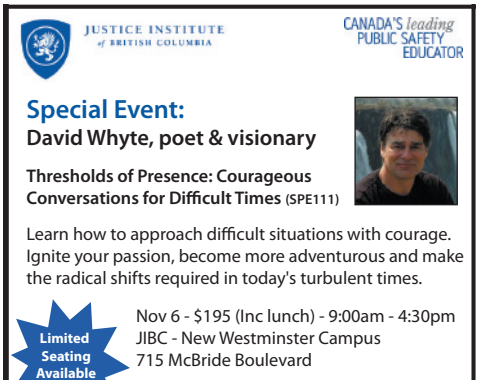
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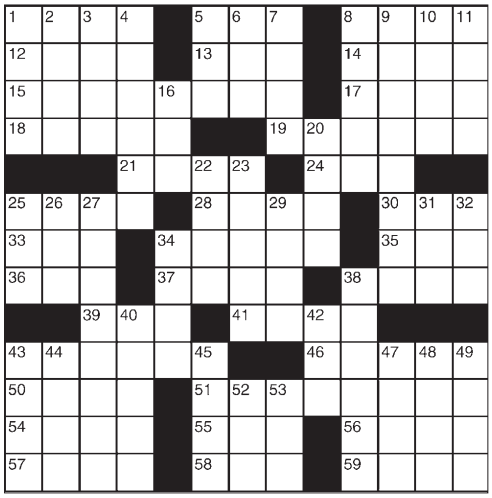

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

3				5				4
8	7						5	2
			6		2			
	9			1			4	8
		4				9		
2	3			8			1	
			9		4			
6	5						7	9
9				3				6

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

8	1	4	7	2	5	9	3	6
2	9	7	4	3	6	1	5	8
5	6	3	1	8	9	4	2	7
4	7	1	2	5	8	3	6	9
9	2	6	3	1	4	8	7	5
3	5	8	9	6	7	2	1	4
6	3	5	8	9	1	7	4	2
7	8	2	5	4	3	6	9	1
1	4	9	6	7	2	5	8	3

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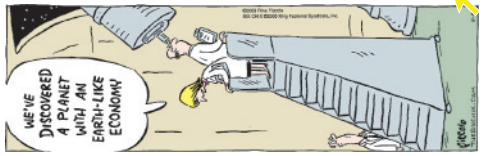

Metro Recipe of the Day

Fresh Tomato Pasta Toss

INGREDIENTS:

3 lbs (1.5 kg) ripe fresh tomatoes
1 package (16 oz/454 g) uncooked tube pasta
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 tbsp (15 mL) canola oil
1 tsp (5 mL) dried parsley flakes
1 tsp (5 mL) dried basil
3/4 tsp (4 mL) dried oregano
1 tsp (5 mL) salt
1/4 tsp (1 mL) sugar
1/8 tsp (0.5 mL) pepper
1/4 cup (50 mL) whipping cream
1/4 cup (50 mL) shredded Parmesan cheese

METHOD:

1. To remove peels from tomatoes, fill large pot with water and bring to boil. Place tomatoes, one at time, in boiling water 30 seconds. Immediately plunge in ice water. Peel skins with sharp paring knife and discard. Chop pulp; set aside.

2. Cook pasta according to package directions. In large skillet, cook garlic in oil over medium heat until golden. Add parsley, basil, oregano, salt, sugar, pepper and reserved tomato pulp; mix well. Bring to boil; reduce heat. Add cream; heat through.

3. Drain pasta and transfer to serving bowl. Pour tomato sauce over pasta and toss to coat. Sprinkle with cheese.

SERVES 8

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
If someone tells you there is something you cannot have you will make every effort to get it. But could it be they are hoping you will react this way?

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
After today you won't be under so much pressure on the work front, but don't use that as an excuse to lower your standards.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Don't be too surprised if people you thought were on your side pick holes in what you say and do today.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Current events may wear you down and make you discouraged today, but that is not an excuse to give up on something.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Something you thought you understood yesterday will confuse you today, but don't be down about it.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Certain people may be intensely irritating but you must not let them see that they are getting under your skin.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Take care that your feelings don't sweep you away over the next 24 hours. You can't rescue everyone.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You will get a well deserved rest from a family or relationship problem now that Neptune is turning direct again.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Your confidence will fade a bit today as you begin to wonder if maybe you have taken on too much.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Don't be so desperate to improve your financial position that you start taking the kind of risks that could end in disaster.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Cosmic activity in and around your birth sign warns it is time to stop trying to be the biggest and the best in everything you do.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Be under no illusions about what is important in your life and what is not – and what you stand to lose if you get them mixed up.

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1852: Count Camillo Benso di Cavour becomes the prime minister of Piedmont-Sardinia, which soon expands to become Italy.
1921: The Sturmabteilung or SA is formally formed by Adolf Hitler.
1922: In Egypt, British archaeologist Howard Carter and his men find the entrance to King Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of the Kings.

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